

## NIHR ARC Kent Surrey and Sussex Knowledge Mobilisation Fellowship: Information Summary

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Applied Research Collaboration Kent, Surrey and Sussex (ARC KSS) has received NIHR funding to strengthen 'knowledge mobilisation' in health and social care across the area.

This aims to accelerate the implementation of effective interventions, policies, and care models to address key national and regional challenges.

To support this, ARC KSS will appoint **Knowledge Mobilisation Fellows** to connect ARCs with local health and care organisations, ensuring evidence-based practices reach frontline services quickly and efficiently. Two fellows will be appointed in each region in KSS, and there are two additional themed fellowships exploring health inequalities.

### Sussex Knowledge Mobilisation Fellowship

This is an opportunity for health and care professionals in **Sussex** to apply to ARC KSS knowledge mobilisation fellowships. Appointed fellows will be funded to be released for up to two-days per week, for up to 18 months, to lead on a quality improvement (QI)/service transformation knowledge mobilisation project.

Funds are available to support three fellows; one being focused on coastal inequalities, and two aligned with the Sussex health and care system's [Improving Lives Together](#), and [Improving Lives Together Through Research](#), strategies.

Specifically, projects should address one or more of the current Sussex priorities:

- Urgent and emergency care service transformation
- Progressing development of the Integrated Community Teams
- Service reform of rehab and reablement
- Coastal inequalities.

And align with one or more of the three national shifts:

- **Hospital to Community** (effective triage, shared clinical records, and sustainable funding)
- **Analogue to Digital** (prioritise foundations before moving to innovative solutions, shared digital records and tech for staff)
- **Sickness to Prevention** (wider approach interventions in non-healthcare settings and tackling root causes of poor health).

as well as align to one of the [Health Innovation KSS](#) and [ARC KSS themes](#).

Interested applicants should contact Virginia at [v.govoni@bsms.ac.uk](mailto:v.govoni@bsms.ac.uk) in first instance, to ensure alignment and support from the Health and Care Research Partnership and Integrated Care System.

### What does the fellowship entail?

Knowledge Mobilisation Fellows will identify evidence from a range of sources, including policies, guidelines, research, and patient feedback to inform quality improvement and service

transformation. They will be embedded within Quality Improvement (QI)/ transformation teams to implement evidence into practice.

They will engage in networking across the KSS region, and nationally, act as "knowledge brokers", and champion the spread of best practice within and across organisations. The fellowship offers mentorship, opportunities to work with QI/ transformation teams, and aims to build capacity for embedding research into health and care services.

Fellows will be expected to engage with the national NIHR ARC Knowledge Mobilisation Fellowship community across England, which will comprise of virtual and face-to-face sessions, conferences, and other development opportunities.

### **Who can apply?**

The fellowship is open to health and care professionals (clinical and non-clinical) including those from public health and social care. It is open to those with a dual academic role. They will work within QI and service transformation teams, to conduct a QI or transformation knowledge mobilisation project.

- You must be working in health (including public health) or social care (or in dual academia and practice), from any professional background, and wish to build and develop your knowledge mobilisation and research skills as well as career via a dedicated Fellowship Award.
- You will likely be employed by an organisation delivering or commissioning health/care in East or West Sussex or Brighton & Hove, but it can be a different organisation if you hold the relevant contract or agreement with that alternative organisation.
- This would include local voluntary sector organisations and care providers, whether private or not-for-profit.

### **What will be funded?**

The fellowship provides an estimated cost of up to £45,500 over 18 months per fellow, covering salary backfill (expected to be no more than 0.4 fte for 18 months) and project costs:

- Salary costs (including NI and superannuation) to a maximum of £41,500 for up to 18 months.
- Up to £4,000 towards project and training/development costs (e.g., travel, training fees, consumables, equipment, Public and Community Involvement costs)

Host organisations and/or any collaborators based at different [ARC KSS member organisations](#) will need to contribute at least £2,500 in co-funding. Co-funding commitments for the ARC KSS can be financial or in kind to fund applied health and care research and/or implementation/impact activity within communities and/or beyond.

### **What are the timelines?**

Applications will close on **Friday, 9 May, at 5pm.**

The indicative timeframe for the fellowship to commence is September 2025, and end date of February 2027.

## How to apply

If you are interested in applying for the fellowship, please contact Virginia Govoni [v.govoni@bsms.ac.uk](mailto:v.govoni@bsms.ac.uk) to organise an initial discussion.

Once you have developed your idea, then you will need to submit an application and your CV to [arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk](mailto:arckssacademy@kent.ac.uk)

An information webinar will be held at **11am - 12 noon on 16 April 2025**, with opportunity for Q&A. [Sign up here](#).

## Additional information

### What is Knowledge Mobilisation?

Knowledge Mobilisation is a dynamic, collaborative process that ensures the right people access the right information at the right time. By applying evidence and co-creating solutions, it bridges research and practice, translating data into practical tools to improve health outcomes and integrate evidence into healthcare decision-making.

### What is the NIHR ARC KSS Knowledge Mobilisation Fellowship?

ARC KSS and Health Innovation KSS will support Knowledge Mobilisation Fellowships to translate evidence into practice. Fellows receive funding and mentorship to lead quality improvement (QI) or service transformation projects in local healthcare systems. QI enhances care by making it safer, more effective, and patient-centred, empowering those closest to challenges to drive solutions. The fellowship bridges research and practice, fostering innovations that improve healthcare delivery and patient outcomes.

For more information on knowledge mobilisation see: [Knowledge mobilisation | Knowledge and Library Services \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#) and [Plan knowledge mobilisation | NIHR](#).

### Examples of knowledge mobilisation projects:

- [BeeFree](#) – embedding the latest evidence to apply a multi-faceted approach to improve the care and mental health of patients with musculoskeletal disease.
- [STarTBack](#) – using a stratified care approach to identify appropriate interventions to patients based on their prognosis and risk of poor clinical outcomes.